

# MILLION \$ NEW HOME TRACT STARTED

## Couple Tells Crimes:

# Alert Gas Girl Helps Snare Duo

A pretty service station attendant used her head, and a pad and pencil this week to trap a 22-year-old brunette and her 17-year-old husband who tried to make crime pay by forging a check they had stolen during a series of Harbor area robberies.

The attendant, Carol Goss, 35, of 616 E. Carson St., cashed a check for the couple and then because she was suspicious of their behavior jotted down the license number of their car. The check bounced as though it had been written on an old tire when the manager of Waggoner's Self-Service Station at Carson St. and Western Ave. tried to deposit it.

Police discovered the check had been snatched from the Harbor Cafe in Harbor City, one of the places the couple admitted burglarizing earlier in the week.

Using the number supplied by the alert service station attendant, detectives picked up the bride and her youthful husband and took them to the San Pedro police station. There, under questioning by Det. S. H. Simon, the 22-year-old bride implicated herself and her youthful husband in a series of burglaries, forgeries and robberies in the area.

### Admits Burglaries

The pair gave their names as Frank and Theresa Pfefferkorn. Det. Simon stated that the raven-haired Theresa admitted she and her hubby had wheeled the getaway car in a robbery of two 16-year-old boys at a Harbor City filling station earlier this week. The detective said she told of burglarizing a number of Harbor area business firms and cashing bogus checks.

She said she and her teenage spouse were wed in Tijuana late last year.

Implicated in the crime also were two Navy men already in the county jail on burglary charges and two juvenile boys.

## Advanced Class In First Aid Starts Aug. 4

The start of a new Advanced First Aid course was announced this week by W. A. "Dick" Felker, chairman of the Torrance Chapter of the American Red Cross which is sponsoring the class.

The class, to be taught by Mrs. M. Ferguson, will meet Monday and Thursday evenings starting Aug. 4 at 7 o'clock. Classes are three hours each evening and will continue for three weeks.

All Red Cross classes are open to the public without charge, the only requirement being that those enrolling in this advanced class have earned a standard first aid certificate within the past three years.

Mrs. Ferguson states that persons trained in first aid are safety conscious and their accident rate is lower than that of untrained persons. "While they are not expected to make a physician's diagnosis, they do have the knowledge to determine the nature and extent of an injury and know what to do about it. It is perhaps equally important to know what not to do. But best of all the knowledge of first aid gives poise and assurance to trained first aiders and when faced by a sudden disaster they are able to act calmly and quickly. Such persons are equipped to be of the greatest service to those in need around them."

To enroll or for further information call Torrance 3447 or 3448.

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### First 'Big One'

## Smoke Billows High In 100-Acre Blaze

The first sizable grass fire of the year sent clouds of smoke billowing high into the air and blackened more than 100 acres of hillside above Walteria in the Palos Verdes Hills Thursday evening.

A score of firemen using six fire engines, from Torrance and the County Fire Department, dragged hose lines up and down hills for more than two hours before the flames were squelched. No homes were endangered.

Indication of fine cooperation between neighboring towns was evident at the fire on Crenshaw Blvd., south of Pacific Coast Hwy. County engine 55, first to arrive, radioed for assistance while still on the way.

The call brought a Torrance fire truck from Walteria and three from the headquarters station, plus another county engine from Lomita. The fire was entirely within the city limits of Torrance.

Chief J. J. Benner and Batt. Chief Gene Walker worked with county Batt. Chief George Bartling in directing the firemen. The flames started on the west side of Crenshaw Blvd. and spread across the highway, burning considerable acreage on the east side.

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Records show that the boys jumped a movie patron after he had asked them to quiet down. The victim suffered a three-inch slash in his back, apparently done with a razor.

A license number given to police was responsible for apprehension of the suspects.



INTERESTINGLY TOLD ... Mrs. Kathleen Anson, secretary of the assistant superintendent of industrial relations at Columbia Steel Company, takes time out to read the "Return of Joe—The Gentle of Steel," the story of steel rails told in comic book style. Several thousand copies of the booklet will be passed out among company employees this week with more copies being delivered to local schools in the near future. Produced by the United States Steel Co., the book is a painless presentation of a segment of American History.

## Twarn't Even Warm—Officially

While parts of the rest of the nation mopped a dripping brow, this week Torrance residents had little grounds for complaining about the heat—officially.

Officially it was only 85 degrees on the hottest day of the week, which was last Wednesday.

Friday and yesterday, it wasn't even warm (officially) as the mercury only managed enough energy to climb to the mid-seventies.

Temperatures for the week ending Friday were:

July	Max.	Min.
26	82	62
27	83	64
28	82	63
29	83	64
30	85	65
31	76	61
August 1	77	61

## Total for Month Zooms as Many Permits Written

Permits for 179 new homes valued at over a million dollars, on Sepulveda Blvd at the western boundary of the City of Torrance were taken out by the Building Mortgage Co. of Los Angeles Thursday afternoon.

To be constructed by the Balenbacher and Kelton Construction firm, the homes will be located adjacent to the newly completed Sepulveda Gardens tract in West Torrance.

Actual valuation of the new tract was placed at \$1,345,546, which brought the month's permit total to \$1,648,346.

Unofficial figures for the first seven months of the year show that Torrance has gained in valuation to the tune of \$12,052,059, or some \$4,000,000 more than for the same period of 1951.

New streets for the tract, construction of which will start at once, will be named Warmside, Shady Croft, Susana and, Red Beam Aves.

## Earns Agronomy Degree

Jack Fukumoto, 4801 Torrance Blvd., has completed his requirements for the bachelor of science degree from the University of California, Davis.

He will receive his degree in the field of agronomy.



PRIZE WINNERS ... Pretty Ann Stephens notifies five-year-old Alfred "Sharkey" Medina that he was named the "bestest" in his class at Cowboy Day celebrations held at Walteria Park Friday. Prospector Ivan Donica, 7, bedecked with an array of pots, pans and miser's paraphernalia, also captured a first-place—for costume. Thirty kids showed up for the affair.

## Not Guilty, Hall Pleads To Battery

Stanley Hall, a 53-year-old husband, told Superior Court Judge Fred Miller that he was not guilty of charges alleging that he socked his wife about the face and body during an evening fracas three weeks ago, Thursday, in Long Beach Court.

Hall, of 2368 Dominguez St., was ordered held and Judge Miller set Aug. 25 as trial date. The Halls have been married since 1929.

## Mother of Local Woman Dies Here

Funeral services in Pomona were held Saturday morning for Mrs. Belle Marland, about 70 years of age, who died Wednesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frederick Knouse, 23011 Doris Way.

Interment was in an Ontario cemetery alongside her husband. She died a short time after dropping into a coma on July 30.

Besides her daughter, she leaves a son-in-law, Frederick, who is a sub-station operator for the Southern California Edison Co., and three grandchildren, Linal, 9; Marlene, 7; and Susan, 3.

## Play Areas Open Monday Morning

Playgrounds at four elementary schools will open for supervised recreation for youngsters at 10 a.m. on Monday, according to an announcement from the Recreation Department.

Playgrounds made available since the closing of summer sessions last Friday were those at Fern Ave., Crenshaw, Seaside and North Torrance.

## Buzzer Buzzes Into Field -- And Whoops

Fred Julian Ring zoomed his light airplane over the house-tops Thursday afternoon, took a pass or two at the Torrance Airfield, roared around the pattern several times and then brought her down on the runway.

He brought his shiny, little craft onto the runway, right into the waiting arms of a whole pack of flying cops—Sheriff's Aero Detail squadmen who had spotted his antics from above.

So Friday, Ring, who is 29, pleaded guilty in Inglewood Justice Court to the reckless flying charge and was fined \$240 and handed a 60-day suspended jail stay, Judge L. O. Luce also put him on probation for a year, advising him to fly the straight and narrow.

Sgt. John Uzelac yesterday reported that Ring was observed as he took off from Hawthorne Airport and was cited for antics he pulled in that area. He came to Torrance, where the "law" was waiting for him.

Ring's address was listed as 4823 W. 131st St., Hawthorne.

## 'Terrific' Says Queen

Queen Shirley, Miss Torrance of 1952, was back home today all bubbly about her trip to Las Vegas.

The pretty blonde stepped from the loading ramp of a Western Airlines plane Wednesday night after spending two days at the Last Frontier Hotel as guest of the hotel and the Torrance Area Youth Band.

"We stayed in the same room that Dorothy Lamour had while she entertained at the hotel," said Shirley. The "we" included Mrs. Frances Seno, a friend, who accompanied the queen to the resort hotel.

"It was wonderful," bubbled the queen, Margaret Whitling was the featured entertainer and they dedicated the Tuesday night floor show to us. The Weir Brothers were there, too. They were just back from a command performance before

the town. Took us to luncheon, too."

The new Queen of Torrance had a real opportunity to try out her new Rose Marie Red bathing suit.

"At 10 o'clock in the morning it was 85 degrees in the shade—so we went swimming."

Queen Shirley was picked as Miss Torrance of 1952 at a contest staged by the Torrance Area Youth Bands last month. She is to be crowned at a Coronation Ball to be held in the Palos Verdes Country Club on August 16.

Among the honored guests of the evening will be the two princesses—the runners-up, Shirley Atchley and Barbara Ann Williams, besides the other 10 contestants.

The ball is sponsored by the Youth Bands as a means of raising funds to purchase additional uniforms for the youngsters in the band. Price of admission is \$2.50 per person. The public is invited.

## Revised GI Bill Explained by EC Personnel Man

Korean veterans will attend college under a revised GI bill according to Merl Sloan, director of student personnel at El Camino College. The first information bulletin from Washington indicates that the old bill has been revised and streamlined.

Veterans will be eligible for one and one-half days of college training for each day in service since the outbreak of the Korean fighting—up to a maximum of 36 months. Veterans in GI bill training will receive an education allowance each month from the government, to meet part of the expenses of their training and living. Tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment will not be paid by the government; instead, they will have to be paid out of monthly allowance.

According to Sloan, rates for veterans in full-time training in colleges are \$110 a month, if they have no dependents; \$135 if they have one dependent, and \$160 if they have more than one dependent. Those in training less than full time will receive lower monthly rates.

Tuition free colleges, such as El Camino, are expecting to enroll the great majority of these veterans, according to the college official, since tuition and fees will be paid out of the veterans pocket instead of by the Veterans Administration.

## EC Registration Set for Second September Week

Registration for the fall semester at El Camino College has been set for September 15, 16 and 17 according to Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel. Complete information on registration is now available at the college with the fall schedule of classes expected to be ready for distribution about August 15.

Courses in homemaking, power sewing, home nursing and upholstery will be offered for the first time in September. Additional permanent classrooms have been provided with the completion of the life science building. A modern three-wing library is under construction and scheduled for completion in the spring of 1953. Contracts have been let for additions in vocational and technical laboratory and classroom space which will double present facilities.

College offices will be open throughout the summer and counselors will be on duty to advise prospective students in planning their college careers. Information may be obtained by calling Menlo 4-6631.



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